

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 28, 29, and 32, and add claim 33 as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A double-deck elevator, comprising:

an upper cage and a lower cage for accommodating passengers, the upper cage and the lower cage each comprising at least one moveable door and being vertically movable together in a hoistway provided in a building, the hoistway having a plurality of inner walls;

covers for covering a space between the upper cage and the lower cage at a doorside, two lateral sides and a backside of the space;

a door driving unit provided in the space for opening and closing the at least one door of the lower cage; and

at least one ~~connecting~~ movable door link for connecting the door of the lower cage to the door-driving unit, the door link extending in a vertical direction;

wherein at least one of the covers which covers the space at the doorside of the space covers the door driving unit and a top portion of the ~~connecting~~ door link and has a first portion extending downwardly from the upper cage and positioned closer to a doorside inner wall of the hoistway than the door driving unit, and a second portion extending in a horizontal direction from the lowest portion of the first portion away from

the doorside inner wall to the door driving unit and, the at least one cover including at least one slit through which the ~~connecting~~ door link is inserted, the slit being oriented so as to allow a displacement of said door link in a direction parallel to the direction of movement of the at least one door.

29. (Currently Amended) A double-deck elevator according to claim 28, further comprising a closing member for closing a clearance between a periphery of the slit and the ~~connecting~~ door link.

30. (Currently Amended) A double-deck elevator according to claim 29, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the closing member is made of an elastic material and allows a displacement of said door link by an elastic deformation thereof of the bellows.

31. (Currently Amended) A double-deck elevator according to claim 29, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the closing member is formed as ~~[[a]]~~ bellows and allows a displacement of said door link by an elastic expansion and contraction ~~thereof~~ of the bellows.

32. (Currently Amended) A double-deck elevator according to claim 29, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the closing member ~~is formed as a brush type and allows~~ comprises at least one brush having a plurality of bristles, the closing member permitting a displacement of the door link by an elastic deflection thereof of the bristles.

33. (New) A double-deck elevator according to claim 29, wherein said closing member comprises an elastic film having a slit extending in a moving direction of the door link so as to allow a displacement of said door link by an elastic deformation of the film.